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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for selectively entering lottery entries into a state lottery drawing, administered by a state lottery agency, via an internet web site, the method comprising the steps of:

~~entering receiving user access at the home page of the web site;~~

querying users for their sign-in identification to establish whether they are pre-registered user members or non-members;

presenting pre-registered user members with a choice of member functions and content including a subscription service;

presenting non-members with a choice of different functions and content;

~~presenting both members and non-members with a choice of common functions and content and~~

communicating selected information to the state lottery agency.

2. (original) The method set forth in claim 1 wherein member choice of functions and content include

depositing funds into the members' pre-established accounts; and

permitting the members to select an offered lottery game to play after a choice is made as to payment thereof.

3. (original) The method set forth in claim 1 wherein the member choices of functions and content includes

accessing a member's account for selectively determining its current balance, history of wins and losses, and subscriptions for play that are currently alive.

4. (original) The method set forth in claim 1 wherein the non-member's choice of functions and content includes

the establishment of an account for future play.

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5. (original) The method set forth in claim 1 wherein the common functions and content for members and non-members selectively includes
accessing information concerning: the web site, gambling addiction, and descriptions of the games that may be played.

6. (currently amended). A method for selectively entering lottery entries into a state lottery drawing via an internet web site, the method comprising the steps of:
~~accessing~~ receiving user access at an internet web site server;
connecting the web server to a transaction server via a security firewall;
selectively connecting the transaction server to a state lottery system either through: a) a modem connection; b) direct high speed connection; or c) an intermediary manual reentry of member orders from members, received at the web site and
providing access to a subscription purchasing service.

7. (currently amended). A system for selectively entering lottery entries into a state lottery drawing, administered by a state lottery agency, via an internet web site, the system comprising:
means for entering receiving an access to the home page of the web site;
means for querying users for their sign-in identification to establish whether they are pre-registered user members or non-members;
means for presenting pre-registered user members with a choice of member functions and content including a subscription purchase service;
means for presenting non-members with a choice of different functions and content;
~~means for presenting both members and non-members with a choice of common functions and content, and~~
means for communicating selected information the state lottery agency.

8. (original) The system of claim 7 wherein the means for presenting member choice of functions and content comprises:
means for depositing funds into the member's pre-established accounts; and

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means for permitting the members to select an offered lottery game to play after a choice is made as to payment thereof.

9. (original) The system of claim 7 wherein the means for presenting member choice of functions and content comprises:

means for accessing a member's account for selectively determining its current balance, history of wins and losses, and subscriptions for play that are currently active.

10. (original) The system of claim 7 wherein the means for present non-member choice of functions and content comprises

means for establishing an account for future play.

11. (original) The system of claim 7 wherein the means for presenting member and non-member choice of functions and content comprises

means for accessing information concerning: the web site, gambling addiction, and descriptions of the games that may be played.

12. (currently amended) A system for selectively entering lottery entries into a state lottery drawing via an internet web site, the system comprising:

means for ~~accessing~~ receiving an access at an internet web site web server; and

means for connecting the web server to a transaction server via a security firewall;

means for selectively connecting the transaction server to a state lottery system either through: a) a modem connection; b) direct high speed connection; or c) an intermediary manual re-entry of member orders received from members at the web site and

means for providing access to a subscription purchasing service.

13. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein the subscription service provides for lottery entries of an amount and frequency selected by the user.

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14. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein the subscription service provides for lottery entries of a predetermined amount and frequency.

15. (new) The system of claim 7 wherein the means for presenting pre-registered user members with a choice of member functions and content including a subscription purchase service includes allowing user selection of amount and frequency of lottery entries.

16. (new) The system of claim 12 wherein the means for presenting pre-registered user members with a choice of member functions and content including a subscription purchase service includes allowing user selection of amount and frequency of lottery entries.

17. (new) The method of claim 1 which further includes presenting both members and non-members with a choice of common functions and content.

18. (new) The method of claim 6 which further includes presenting both members and non-members with a choice of common functions and content.